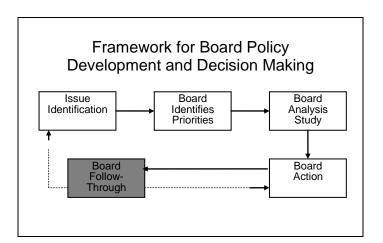
Iowa State Board of Education

Executive Summary

November 16, 2011



Agenda Item: Breaking Barriers to Learning and Teaching Awards

lowa Goal: All K-12 students will achieve at a high level.

Equity Impact: These awards recognize districts that have successfully

implemented programs to decrease achievement gaps.

Presenter: State Board of Education

Attachments: None

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board participate in the

presentation of the Breaking Barriers to Learning and

Teaching Awards.

Background: The "Breaking Barriers to Teaching and Learning Award"

was created by the State Board of Education to

recognize school districts that have been successful in reducing achievement gaps by improving instruction, curriculum and programs, and professional development

opportunities for school staff.

Atlantic, Centerville, Clinton, Spencer, Hampton-Dumont, Central Decatur, MLF MarMac, Colfax-Mingo, Lewis Central, and Sergeant Bluff-Luton community school districts will receive the award this year. Districts earned the award if they made significant improvement among a subgroup of students without allowing any other

subgroup of students to decline. This award provides an

opportunity to recognize these districts that have dedicated considerable resources to focus on helping

struggling students.